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Applicant:	Mandt et al.	Examiner:	Lucas Stelling
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Title:	TOP LOAD LIQUID FILTER ASSEMBLY FOR USE WITH TREATMENT AGENT; AND, METHODS		

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT; ELECTION; REQUEST FOR
CONSIDERATION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 13, 2009, Applicant's elect Group I, claims 1-11 for consideration, with traverse.


The Examiner is requested to reconsider the Restriction Requirement. While the Group II claims are directed to a filter assembly, it will be noted that in 12(b) there is a specific requirement that the assembly include a cartridge according to claim 1. It is believed that under such circumstances, the U.S. Patent Office normally does not issue a Restriction Requirement between the claim 1 replacement part and the claim 12 assembly.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives, at the below listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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